

Comptroller General's Distinguished Service Award, two Comptroller General's Meritorious Service Awards, and Director and Outstanding Achievement Awards from several GAO units.

Those who work at GAO make important, though often unheralded, contributions to improving the performance of our government. As Allen Li retires from GAO, I know that my fellow Committee members join me in wishing him well and in thanking him for his decades of dedicated public service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TAMMY
MATHEWS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Tammy Mathews, who has been named the Small Business Association's Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Nevada.

Tammy, the owner of Puppy Enterprises Dog Salon and Bakery and Small Town Dog Vacation Villas, turned a \$50,000 Small Business Association loan into two successful businesses which have flourished over the past several years. Between the two businesses, Tammy's staff consists of more than 20 employees, has a client base of over 1,000 customers, and projected gross sales of nearly \$1,000,000. Tammy's company has garnered widespread press attention and her novel approach to pet care has ensured continued patronage from her many clients. Tammy uses her company's success as a vehicle to give back to the community she serves and has worked to raise money to place shelter dogs and abandoned dogs in permanent homes. In addition to the recognition she received from the Small Business Association, Tammy was also named a 2004 finalist for the most innovative company of the year for the Stevie Awards for Women Entrepreneurs.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Tammy Mathews. Her innovative spirit and hard work are commendable and I wish her every continued success.

TRIBUTE TO FORT GEORGE G.
MEADE AND THEIR SECOND
PLACE FINISH IN THE ARMY
COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE
COMPETITION

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the men and women who serve at Fort George G. Meade for their second place finish in the Army Communities of Excellence competition. The Communities of Excellence award program recognizes top installations from all over the world that demonstrate organizational maturity and outstanding capabilities. Brigadier General John Macdonald, Deputy Commanding General of the Installation Management Command, called the winning installations the "flagships of performance excellence for the Army."

I have the pleasure of representing Maryland's Third Congressional District in the House of Representatives, which neighbors Fort Meade and includes many of the surrounding communities. I am therefore acutely aware of the exciting and difficult work that is done at Fort Meade.

Colonel Ken McCreedy, garrison commander at Fort Meade, is a tremendous leader. He is charged with management of one of the Army's most important installations and has taken command at a time of great upheaval due to the impact of the 2005 BRAC. Despite these tremendous demands on his time, Colonel McCreedy has also involved himself in the community off post. He certainly deserves this recognition and I congratulate him on his fine work.

The men and women who serve with Colonel McCreedy at Fort Meade are exceptional individuals. For 90 years, they have worked to keep our Nation safe. Most people know that the National Security Agency, our military's foremost intelligence agency, is located at Fort Meade but there are many other organizations inside and outside of the intelligence community that contribute to our national security. One example is the Fort Meade Freedom Center, where they are housing soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. They stepped up to assist Walter Reed in housing these soldiers and provide shuttle service so they may receive their medical treatments.

Madam Speaker, I've been fortunate to visit Fort Meade twice in my first few months in Congress. The more I learn about this facility, the more I am impressed. They truly deserve this honor and I congratulate the entire Fort Meade community on their achievement.

WELCOMING EMILIA HAYWARD
DECK

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to announce the birth of Emilia Hayward Deck on May 2, 2007 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.

Emilia is the daughter of Wiley and Elizabeth Deck who are both part of our Florida 7th District Congressional Staff. The former Elizabeth Buckles and Wiley Deck met as staff members in our Washington office. Both moved to our Florida District Office in St. Augustine, in 2003. They married and have now expanded our Congressional Family with the arrival of Emilia Hayward Deck. Emilia's proud grandfather is Tony Buckles, Chief of Staff for Representative BOB FILNER of California.

To the Deck and Buckles families we extend our warmest congratulations.